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## Survey seeks public input on police chief search

*Residents encouraged to identify important traits, priorities as application period opens*

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg is seeking public input on what character traits residents are looking for in the next Harrisonburg Police Department chief, as applications for the position are now being accepted.

The City is currently conducting a nationwide search for its next police chief, with applications being accepted throughout the month at the website of search firm The Novak Consulting Group. The survey seeks to gather feedback on which traits the next chief should embody, as well as what topics are most important for the next chief to focus on once hired, and what advice residents have for the chief.



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Results of the survey will help City staff as they begin to interview candidates for the position and in the final selection of a new chief.

“The position of police chief is vitally important, as this person not only leads our police department and more than 100 officers, but also is expected to be a community leader in The Friendly City,” Harrisonburg Director of Communications Michael Parks said. “As such, it’s important we ensure the community’s voice is heard throughout this process and we select the best candidate to help our department, and city, move forward.”

The survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/HarrisonburgVA-PoliceChief-CommunityInput](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HarrisonburgVA-PoliceChief-CommunityInput). It will be available to complete until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19.

**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).



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